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- 1. Reports received by Chilean Investigationes have convinced the police that the labor disturbances occurring at the larin Elena nitrate plants have . The leaders of the been directed by Communists, Sindicato Industrial Obrero de Maria Elena, who engineered the strikes, are all members or affiliates of the Communist Youth organization.
- 2. The principal officers of the Syndicate, Rigoberto Echeverria Allende, Mario del Rosario Nona Herrera, Enrique Honero Salfate and Arnoldo Antonio Lopez Paredes, all young Communists, were disqualified from taking part in the activities of the Syndicate by Decros No. 32 of 9 June 1950. This disqualification loft the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and First Director of the Syndicate vacant, so that only the Second Director, Juan de Dios Lucero Diaz, had recognized authority to negotiate with the company. The members of the Strike Committee were also disqualified to hold any syndicate officers. Their names and reported Party affiliations are listed as follows:

Juan Valdivia Carrera, Communist, Committee Chairman Jorje Araya Escobar, Communist Alfonso Polanco Montenegro, Communist Victoriano Paulino Nieva, Communist Youth organization Juan Sergio Escobar Veliz, Communist Youth organization

- 3. At a large meeting held on 13 June 1950, the syndicate determined not to abide by the government's order, and decided by acclaration that it would not remove its officers. The officers themselves agreed to noncompliance with the decree on the advice of their lawyer, Pedro Eduardo Gonzalez Garcia, who gave his opinion that the order was unlawful and based on more suspicion. Rigoberto Echeverria Allende then told the members that the leaders would remain in office. It was decided that the officers would remain in union headquarters, which would be under constant guard by the union members.
- 4. The 15 June moeting was also addressed by Carlos Aguilera Zamorata, Benigno Herrera Horrera and Jose Jara Soto, leaders of the railroad workers' union, the Sindicato Profesional de Obreros del Ferrocarril Tocopilla al Toco. They proclaimed the solidarity of the railway union with the nitrate workers, and threatened an indefinite strike if the company would not agree to arbitrate through rail union leader Aguilera Zamorata. Approved for Release NOT Date

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